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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 257

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 25, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Commission for Higher Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Porter

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a full-time employee of a state public or private college or university (except for one faculty member) may not be a member of the Commission for Higher Education.

The bill allows a member of the Commission to attend a meeting of the Commission by means of a communication device if a quorum of members is physically in attendance at the meeting.

The bill provides that when reviewing a proposed building project for a state educational institution, including a project authorized by the General Assembly, the Commission must complete the review not later than 90 days after the proposal was submitted for review.

The bill provides that a state educational institution or a campus of a state educational institution that offers dual credit courses must be either accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships or approved by the Commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provision not allowing a full-time employee of a state public or private college or university (except for one faculty member) to be a member of the Commission for Higher Education should have no fiscal impact. Current law does not allow any employee (except for one faculty member) to be a member of the Commission.

Allowing a member to attend a meeting of the Commission by means of a communication device could have

some minor fiscal impact depending on the device used. The communication method must permit simultaneous communication between the member and all Commission members participating in the meeting and the general public present at the meeting.

The requirement that the Commission must complete the review of a proposed building project for a state educational institution not later than 90 days after the proposal was submitted for review should not have any fiscal impact. Under current law, approval by the Commission is required if requested by the Budget Agency or the Budget Committee.

(Revised) The provision that allows a state education institution to offer a dual credit course if it is approved by the Commission instead of only by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships could increase the number of courses offered but should not have an impact on the Commission or the state education institution.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State educational institutions, Commission for Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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